Hoda Committee Report on iron

1406. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a draft report of Anwarul Hoda Committee has recommended for a provision that if any State does not take the decision of mining of all the minerals within six months for lease, the application would automatically come to the Centre for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received reaction from States on this report; and

(d) if so, the recommendations given by the States?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Anwarul Hoda Committee in its recommendations has proposed that where the State Government has not passed an order within the prescribed time-frame the Central Government may pass an appropriate order after giving an opportunity to the State Governments of being heard.

(c) and (d). State Governments of Karnataka, Jharkhand, Orissa and Chhattisgarh have represented that such action of the Central Government would deprive the State Government of their jurisdiction/powers vested in State Governments.

15 Points Programme for Minorities

1407. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently released the new 15-point programme for minorities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the difference between the earlier programme and the new one;

(d) whether it is a fact that intended benefit are not actually reaching deserving minorities whose conditions remain without any improvement due to vote bank policies of authorities concerned; and

(e) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?